

harbors have been damaged purposefully since last week, so that they would be useless if seized by the United States. Seventeen of these were in the Philippines, Philadelphia, Boston, Charleston, and elsewhere to make German property useless suggested to officials here that the plan had been prearranged.

Full reports are slowly coming in from port authorities. They indicate damage so extensive as to cripple the ships for six months in most cases.

Unofficial Reports.

Government officials are today investigating unofficial reports that a dozen or more ships at Hoboken and New York docks have been damaged, as well as reports that nine others in Hawaiian ports have had their machinery rendered useless by their crews.

Reports from the neutrality squad in New York specifically tell of sabotage on four German ships lying in that port.

Denied Permission.

Since February 1, the neutrality squad has gone through the motions of applying to the captains or other officer in charge of each of the ships in port at New York for permission to make a thorough inspection. The request was denied, except in the case of four of the smaller steamships. The names of these craft were not divulged, but the conditions found were these:

Each of the ships had been disabled. Cylinder heads were cracked or broken. Vital parts of the machinery were out of commission. The injuries were not of the same character in all the ships, but all were rendered useless. The investigators of the neutrality squad are not mechanics or marine engineers and were unable to describe the ruin that they found in detail. With ordinary eyes, however, they were able to see that the machinery had been tampered with, and a report to that effect has been sent here.

Neutrality Squad in Dark.

What has happened below decks on the larger vessels of the sequestered

THE WEATHER REPORT.

District of Columbia—Cloudy with rain later tonight or Thursday. Warmer tonight. Lowest temperature above freezing. Colder by Thursday evening. Moderate to fresh winds, mostly southwest.

Maryland—Unsettled with rain in east. Snow or rain in west portion late tonight or Thursday. Warmer tonight. Colder Thursday. The west portion much colder Thursday night. Fresh, southwest to west winds.

Virginia—Cloudy with rain late tonight or Thursday, turning to snow Thursday in extreme west portion. Warmer, turning colder Thursday in west portion. Moderate to fresh winds, mostly southwest.

Temperatures.

8 a. m. 25
9 a. m. 27
10 a. m. 29
11 a. m. 30

Tide Table.

High tides: 8:18 a. m., height 2.4
8:34 p. m., height 2.6
Low tides: 2:36 a. m., height 0.4
2:49 p. m., height 0.4

Sun and Moon Table.

Sun rose: 7:09 a. m.
Sun sets: 5:35 p. m.
Moon rises: 6:21 p. m.
Moon sets: 7:12 a. m.

Light automobile lamps 6:05 p. m.

fleet the authorities can only conjecture. One of them said that, in the absence of official reports to the contrary, he believed the Kaiser Wilhelm II, and the other great passenger carrying vessels had not been harmed.

This surmise does not coincide with other information received, and it must be repeated that no government agent has set foot below the promenade deck of any of these steamships since January 31 with the exception of the four mentioned, which are known to have suffered mechanical injury, and of the freighter Himmla at the Port Newark terminal, whose machinery was reported by the Newark police as smashed with sledge hammers.

At the New York offices of the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd lines no attempt was made to contradict the story of the crippling of the liners.

HUNGARY SUPPORTS NEW U-BOAT POLICY

Count Tisza and Count Apponyi Indorse Unbridled War in Parliament.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 7.—Hungary strongly approves Germany's unlimited submarine warfare. Count Stephen Tisza and Count Apponyi, with other leaders, were quoted in Budapest dispatches received here today as strongly endorsing such a policy in speeches to the Hungarian Parliament.

The only opposition came from Count Karolyi, who asserted that he could not approve of unrestricted submarine warfare, because it was inimical to world peace.

Tisza's speech was a vigorous defense of the submarine plan "made necessary because our existence is threatened, and all means at our disposal are justified."

"Especially is this true," he added, "in view of the new British mine field blockade."

"We still adhere to President Wilson's proposal for a peace basis, and are still prepared to negotiate."

Count Tisza charged entente submarines with sinking Austrian cargo and passenger ships without warning. Count Apponyi expressed the hope that the new submarine warfare would accelerate peace. He justified its operations on the same ground as did the Hungarian premier, and added as an additional motive the failure of America to restrict Great Britain's encroachments on international law.

LOCKS PHONE EXCHANGES

New York Company Keeps Out Visitors on Inspection.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Steps to safeguard the exchanges of the New York Telephone Company, operating in New York and New Jersey, have been taken as a result of the international crisis. It was acknowledged at the general offices of the company here today.

The general public has been excluded from visits of inspection, and entrances are kept locked during the day as well as at night.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR ICE CARNIVAL

Skaters Ready For Big Night on the Tidal Basin.

Nothing but roller skates are barred at the big ice carnival to be held at the basin this evening. Everybody with two skates, or a half skate, rocker skate, or racer skate, is expected to be on the basintomorrow.

Nathan C. Wyeth architect, Jerome Connor, sculptor, and William J. Baker today completed arrangements for a gigantic ice carnival to be held this evening. Efforts were made to secure the Marine Band, but the band is under orders to go nowhere until the international crisis has been cleared. However, hurdy gurdies will furnish plenty of music.

Ice Is Heavy.

The ice is between ten and twelve inches thick, and smooth as glass, so that excellent skating is assured. Last night more than 1,500 people were at the basin, but more than 3,000 are expected tonight. Hundreds of lanterns and electric lights have been secured for the occasion. Col. W. W. Harts, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, has made arrangements for extra guards, to the number of about twenty, and first-aid precautions have been taken, in case of an accident.

Boat House Made Ready.

The boat house has been put in readiness to care for a large crowd. Arrangements have been made for the checking of overcoats and valuables. Hot coffee and cocoa, together with light lunch will be furnished.

Permission has been granted to allow the skaters to remain on the basin until 12 o'clock tonight. At that time all lights will be turned off, the guards withdrawn, and the skaters "shooed" away.

Should it rain before nightfall the carnival will be postponed until Friday or Saturday night.

FOR OLEOMARGARINE TAX

Senator Underwood, before the Senate Finance Committee, today urged a tax of 2 cents a pound on oleomargarine as a means of increasing revenue.

NAVAL RECRUITING CAMPAIGN PLANNED

Downtown Station to Be Opened in Washington; System Reorganized.

The Navy Department today decided to open a downtown recruiting station and to begin a systematic campaign in Washington for naval recruits.

Lieut. J. W. Bunkley, recruiting officer in charge of the present station in the navy yard, has been authorized to obtain suitable quarters for the downtown station.

Reorganize System.

The department today announced reorganization of the naval recruiting system as part of a plan for a nationwide campaign to fill the gap in the navy personnel.

Four recruiting divisions have been established. The Eastern division, with headquarters at New York, has opened 78 stations; the Central division, with headquarters at Kansas City, has opened 55 stations; the Southern division, with headquarters at New Orleans, has opened 34 stations, and the Western division, with headquarters at San Francisco, has opened 31 stations.

Other Enrollment Places.

In addition to this, enlistments are made at all navy yards, naval stations, and on board naval vessels in commission on which there are medical officers.

Naval recruiting has jumped to enormous proportions since the break with Germany, but exact figures are not obtainable, as all the stations have not been heard from.

TOO MANY FUNERALS

El Paso Tries to Hide Mournful Military Burials.

EL PASO, Feb. 7.—Because the mournful strains of the "Dead March" and the sight of numerous military funerals impress a noticeable psychological depression upon the city, a movement is under way to divert the funeral processions from the main streets to less frequented channels. Funerals average from one to four a day. The band plays a funeral march for each one.

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15 cts. Each—6 for 90 cts.

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TO DISCUSS "DAYLIGHT" BILL.

A public hearing on the "daylight saving" bill, which proposes pushing forward, during the five summer months, the hands of the clocks by one hour, is expected to be ordered by the Senate and House committees on Interstate Commerce for Saturday.

On that day, President Marcus M. Marks, of the National Daylight Association; a number of governors from the States; and members of the United States Chamber of Commerce, are expected to be here on their way to Cumberland Gap, Tenn., to attend the Lincoln Memorial University exercises.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, Laxative Bromo Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness nor ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box. 25c.—Adv.

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February Furniture Sale!

The Growing Sale Savings of 20 to 40 per cent are being recognized by shrewd shoppers—and this February sale of 1917 promises to very greatly excel all past occasions. Included are "Extra Specials"—and not to be duplicated—as follows:

Chiffoniers—of solid oak, golden finish, with five large drawers and wooden pulls. Extra special at.....**\$4.95**

Beds—of enameled steel, with continuous post, unusual durability can be assured. Extra special at.....**\$4.95**

Mattresses—45-lb. Layer Felt Mattress, covered with art ticking; striped ticking made with rolled edge. Closely tufted. Extra special at.....**\$9.65**

Springs—National Link Bed Spring, made of the very best quality metal frame; all sizes. Extra special at.....**\$3.29**

Pillows—Feather Bed Pillows, size 18x25, covered in art ticking, brown and white, blue and white and A. C. A. Four styles to select from. Very special at.....**49c**

Chairs—Large Willow Chairs, 34 inches high, 22 inches wide. Well made, comfortable chairs, extra special at.....**\$2.98**

2,000 Machine-Made Dresses in a Great February Sale

On Sale Tomorrow Morning on Street Floor, Near Elevators

\$1.00 \$1.50 \$2.00



These Dresses are the sequel to the January Sale of Lingerie—contracted for before the rise in the price of cotton and when the great work rooms of the eminent producer were needing orders. It means today Dresses that cannot be reproduced at the prices.

Special at \$2.00

Very particular women, to whom mention of a machine made Dress is distasteful, are asked to cast aside prejudice tomorrow. Of guaranteed materials—positively guaranteed not to fade or shrink. Of guaranteed needlework—a new Dress promptly given for any that fails to come intact from the laundry. Of guaranteed fit—a perfect fit for every phase of form.

Regular Sizes, 36 to 46.

Extra Sizes, 39 to 55.

Every size in no less than forty-four (44) different styles, of genuine Chambray; plain colors, in pretty shades of pink, blues, gray, and light blue; checks in various colorings, from plain club to overplaids; stripes in pin effects to bright candy colorings.

Trimnings Attractively Dainty.

Cleverly designed and executed, these daintily trimmed Dresses are easily laundered. Some with pockets at breast and two large patch pockets on skirt. Various plain color Dresses have trimmings of plaids, stripes and checks, while the fancy Dresses have plain color and white pique trimmings and piping.

The Basement Store Specials

Table Covers 89c —of Mercerized Damask, stripe and block patterns. Sizes 56x56, 72x56, 84x56. Values to \$1.50.	Table Napkins \$1.19 Doz. 20-inch hemmed Mercerized Napkins, the quality standard at \$1.50 per dozen.	Sheets 69c Each. Sizes 72x90, 76x90, 81x90. "Seconds" of Sheets made to retail to \$1.00.	Blankets 98c Pair. Gray, with pink and blue borders, size 68x76 inches, usually \$1.39 pair.
Table Napkins 50c Doz. Hemmed Mercerized Damask Napkins, 16-inch, hemmed.	720 Towels 2 for 25c Huck Towels, 36x19, and Turkish Towels, 36x18 inches.	Pillow Cases 14c Each 45x36-inch Cases, with 3-inch hems, ready to use.	Blankets 69c Each. For couch, single bed or crib. Figured and plain colors.

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Of course, such cigarettes can never be comfortable.

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